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(Minutes of OCh/G Staff Meeting, 25 January 1954)

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1. [REDACTED] reviewed the status of travel allotments in the 1954 fiscal year budget by Divisions. A very small portion of the total allotment for domestic travel has been expended to date.

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2. [REDACTED] of St/A came into the meeting to review the status of the 1954 budget of the Geographic Area by object classes. He indicated that controls on the use of overtime in ORR were being relaxed somewhat as a result of the existence of a net surplus in .01 funds for ORR as a whole. The situation on overtime will be reviewed again and adjustments if necessary, will be made in May. It was pointed out that the .02 funds for 1954 had been arrived at by increasing the fiscal 1953 allowances by 15%. In view of the small amount of domestic travel funds expended to date, it was suggested that any required domestic travel be initiated relatively soon, to avoid an undesirable rash of domestic travel expenditures near the end of fiscal 1954. Likewise it was suggested that any purchases contemplated from .03 or .09 funds should be initiated in the near future to avoid a flood of these purchases at the end of the fiscal year. The confusion concerning budgeting of funds for printing and reproduction of maps was discussed. It was indicated that in the future an effort will be made to have the Reproduction Branch include in its budget estimated costs of printing and reproduction for D/GC projects. [REDACTED] pointed out that the present problem on printing and reproduction in the D/GC budget should not recur in fiscal 1955.

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3. The question of proposed external research projects was raised. D/GG and D/GC indicated that they have no external research projects to propose. [REDACTED] indicated that D/GP had certain projects that might be handled by [REDACTED] and the Bureau of Standards. He mentioned that he would prefer to establish a "Task Force Fund" for the accomplishment of a given purpose, and draw against that fund as needed, rather than to propose a definite amount for the accomplishment of a given project by a single contractor. [REDACTED] will investigate the possibilities of undertaking the desired external research on this "Task Force" basis, consulting with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] as necessary.

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4. There was some discussion of proposed travel for members of the Geographic Area. In connection with the spring meetings of the Association of American Geographers in Philadelphia, it was decided that official travel should be authorized for Division Chiefs plus three (3) individuals from D/GG, three (3) from D/GC, two (2) from D/GL, and one (1) from OCh/G. Official leave will be granted to other geographers who wish to attend the meetings.

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- 25X1A9a 5. [REDACTED] mentioned the desirability of sending an individual from D/GC on a special mission to explore the problem of photo-lettering for maps.
- 25X1A6a 6. In the field of foreign travel, [REDACTED] suggested arranging a mission to [REDACTED] for [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] suggested a tour of 25X1A9a major cartographic facilities in Europe. [REDACTED] suggested a possible 25X1A9a trip to Europe for one individual from D/GP to include visits to [REDACTED] 25X1X7  
25X1X7 [REDACTED], the photogrammetric meetings in Munchen and the Photo Conference in Koln. [REDACTED] mentioned the possibility of a map procurement 25X1A9a trip to [REDACTED] for [REDACTED] of D/GL, but it was felt that 25X1A9a the relatively low priority of the Western Hemisphere as a U. S. intelligence target made it desirable to postpone consideration of the trip. Mr. [REDACTED] 25X1A9a raised the question of including [REDACTED] in the forthcoming Arctic 25X1A9a trip being taken by ORR personnel, but it was indicated that it is probably too late to attempt to arrange this.
- 25X1A9a 7. [REDACTED] proposed, as an interim measure, to hold off on the dissolution of the Project Review Committee until the IG's reaction to project control procedures in their areas of ORR is known. After some discussion it was agreed to abandon the Project Review Committee for at least a four month experimental period and to review project control procedures at the end of that time. [REDACTED] is preparing 25X1A9a a notice of the procedure to be followed during this trial period.
- 25X1A9a 8. [REDACTED] delivered to [REDACTED] a draft of a paper delineating relative responsibilities of OSI and ORR in the "overlap zone" where problems have arisen in the past. 25X1A9a
- 25X1A9a 9. [REDACTED] reported on the status of the debriefing of [REDACTED] 25X1A9a  
25X1A9a [REDACTED] presented a written request from the Chief, St/I 25X1A9a for further assistance from [REDACTED] in reporting on his experiences and observations in the Far East.
- 25X1A9a 10. [REDACTED] reported that the survey of graphics units within CIA has been proceeding very slowly, and that he is personally going to pursue this problem.
- 25X1A9a 11. [REDACTED] raised a question concerning the propriety of a proposed "blanket declassification" of all maps earlier than the 10,000 series. It was indicated that this would conflict, for example, with the JCS directive concerning the handling of JANIS publications. It was agreed that JANIS maps would have to be excluded from any "blanket declassification" of maps held in D/GL.

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12. There was some discussion concerning the EOD date of [REDACTED] 25X1A9a who is to come on duty in D/GP from the Navy PIC. It was decided that 25X1A9a [REDACTED] should advise [REDACTED] that we would like to have him report 25X1A9a for duty not later than 1 March. This would permit him to fulfill his current scheduled teaching responsibilities in PIC before departure.

25X1A9a 13. [REDACTED] reported that he had been informed by [REDACTED] 25X1A9a that there was no objection to calling the supervisor of a prospective employee outside the Agency when that supervisor is personally known to the CIA individual doing the calling. On the basis of this authorization, 25X1A9a [REDACTED] has called [REDACTED] 25X1A9a concerning [REDACTED] 1A5a1

25X1A9a 14. [REDACTED] mentioned that he has had a number of indications of the increasing importance of radar briefing and the development of techniques for prediction of radar target returns as a phase of intelligence work. He indicated that he felt we should be aware of this trend and make every effort to keep abreast of developments in this field.

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